

## English 11 Academic "Self-Reliance" Analysis

You have read an excerpt from Ralph Waldo Emerson's essay "Self-Reliance" (234-236). Create a google doc in our shared Period 6 folder, subfolder, "Self-Reliance Analysis." Title the document **Your Name**.

Answer the following questions. Think of them as constructed responses (around 750--1000 characters each). You need to cite evidence from the text as you have been taught to do. The responses should reflect insight into the text. Number the questions. You have two days to complete this assignment. We will be sharing and discussing your responses. I don't mind if you discuss with one another as you write to help you build understanding, but your writing needs to be your own and should be in standard English.

1. How does Emerson define genius?
2. Why does Emerson believe that consistency is not as important as most people say it is? Explain the famous statement, "A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds..."
3. Select one aphorism from this piece that is meaningful to you. Analyze the truth of this statement. This may include personal examples.